Bamboo dependent communities

3097. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have held any talks, meetings and discussions with Bamboo dependent communities like the Medoras of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of such discussions;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have directed the State Governments to reduce bamboo supply to bamboo dependent groups and communities like the Medoras;

(d) the steps proposed to evolve an all India policy to foster and nurture traditional bamboo crafts of Medoras?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Question do not arise.

(e) There is no such proposal with the Government of India.

Cases pending against IFS posted in forest zones

3098. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the officers of Indian Forest Service posted in forest zones have been given direct responsibility for protection and development of forests and animals;

(b) if so, the number of officers found guilty of showing indifference to such works, carelessness and other misconduct during the year from 2000 to 2003;

(c) the number of officers of the said category against whom cases are pending or under consideration of Government; and

(d) the details of officers dismissed from service and revelled due to serious misconduct and showing indifference towards their duty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (d) The